April 17, 2020

Dear DV Families,

I have a number of opportunities for you and your students to engage with the DV community to share with you in today's update.

As promised, we have created a brief survey to collect parent/guardian feedback on Distance DV 2.0. The link is below and we ask that you please complete the survey by Monday, April 20th. We are asking students and faculty for their feedback as well. We will collect and synthesize the input from each group. As I indicated previously, we are not looking to make major changes to Distance DV at this point in the year, but we will consider all voices and determine if any adjustments are needed at this time.

Take the Survey: Parent/Guardian Distance DV 2.0 Survey

We have received very positive feedback from parents who have participated in our virtual "coffees" -- both school-wide and by division. Next week, division directors will hold more informal conversations. Please see the schedule below and RSVP to Judy Sheridan at judy.sheridan@dvfs.org to attend any of the meetings.

Upper School with Jim and Allison: Supporting Student Academic Engagement
Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm -- RSVP Here

Middle School with Jason and Christy: Community Time to Connect & Share
Wednesday, April 22nd at 4:00 pm -- RSVP here

Lower School with Jason and Christy: Tips & Ideas for Self-Care during COVID-19
Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm -- RSVP here

Finally, I want to encourage students and families to participate in our DV Virtual Talent Show. This is an all-school virtual event put together by our theater and movement teacher and alumnus Khalil Munir to raise school spirit and celebrate the many talents of our DV community members. He is asking students from all grades and faculty/staff to submit videos -- no longer than three-minutes -- demonstrating their talent. Videos should be emailed to Lisa Howell at lisa.howell@dvfs.org by April 24th. Family members are invited to participate, but the main focus should be the DV student or faculty/staff member. The show will launch on May 15th.

As we end our fourth week of Distance DV, I hope that you all get an opportunity to spend time in the fresh air outside and with family this coming weekend.

In Friendship

Kirk Smothers
Head of School